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LEFT BEHIND AND LOVING IT

A CHEEKY LOOK AT THE END TIMES

Wipf and Stock Publishers **Left Behind and Loving It** is a cheeky critique of popular writings about the end times. Rather than presenting a steroid-buffed Jesus wrapped in an American flag and "coming again in clouds of gunfire," **Left Behind and Loving It** invites readers to approach some of the most controversial and scary portions of the Scriptures with the utter confidence that "God's steadfast love endures forever." Rather than asserting a hope premised on a few chosen ones escaping the world, **Left Behind and Loving It** argues that if it is Jesus who is to return (and not his evil twin), then the second coming has redemption written all over it. Many today cannot accept the escapist, violent, end-of-the-world scenario envisioned by "Left Behind" theology. **Left Behind and Loving It** invites readers not to fear but to trust in God's steadfast love and look at the finitude of the world with hope in an infinitely loving God.

THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF THE METHODISTS; WITH OTHER OCCASIONAL SERVICES

OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Upper Room Books **A resource for both newcomers to the United Methodist Church and those who have been members for decades, Our Membership Vows** is a wonderful reflection on the vows each member takes upon joining the church. Members make covenant to uphold the vows, and each one is discussed in this easy-to-read booklet. A great gift idea for churches to give to new members.

THE MEANING OF HOLY COMMUNION IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Anderson provides a brief, user-friendly introduction to the meaning of Holy Communion as understood and practiced in The United Methodist Church. He addresses basic questions about Holy Communion.

THE ABINGDON WORSHIP ANNUAL 2015

Abingdon Press **With interactive online access, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2015** offers fresh worship planning resources for pastors and worship leaders. Using a theme idea based on the lectionary readings, each week's offering of prayers and litanies follows a basic pattern of Christian worship: Invitation and Gathering, Proclamation and Response, Thanksgiving and Communion Sending Forth. Alternative ideas for Praise Sentences and Contemporary Gathering Words are offered for those who work in contemporary worship settings. Searchable online extras, along with the entire print text in PDF format for ease of navigation and use, are available with the purchase of the print resources. Now more than ever, The Abingdon Worship Annual is a must-have source-book offering countless opportunities for planning meaningful and insightful worship.

THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY

THE CONSULTATION ON COMMON TEXTS

Abingdon Press **This historic and authoritative volume contains the complete three-year listing of the Revised Common Lectionary (Years A, B, and C) to guide preaching and Scripture reading on the Lord's Day. Abingdon Press. Also included are an introduction explaining the nature and uses of lectionaries and a brief history of the Consultation on Common Texts.**

UPPER ROOM WORSHIPBOOK

MUSIC AND LITURGIES FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Upper Room **Where denominational hymnals feature beloved, traditional hymns, the Upper Room Worshipbook** is a wellspring for newer or previously unpublished ecumenical selections. A rich source of versatile liturgies, psalm settings and prayer songs, this new edition of **Upper Room Worshipbook** is ideal for use at retreats, with choirs, and by individuals who want to enrich their personal devotional practices. The fresh collection is an essential resource for congregations who are experimenting with classical worship forms such as Evensong or Taizé. Each section contains suggestions for using music and for introducing liturgies into the worship experience of a community. The book features inclusive language and a music index.

THE UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL & THE FAITH WE SING

United Methodist Hymnal and Faith We Sing CDROM

THE ANGLICAN WAY

A GUIDEBOOK

Rabbit Room

THE UNITED METHODIST BOOK OF WORSHIP PASTOR'S POCKET EDITION

Abingdon Press **The Pastor's Pocket Edition** has everything, but the service music, found in the regular **Book of Worship**. This helpful **United Methodist denominational book of liturgy, prayer, and services** is indispensable for pastors, musicians, and laypersons that plan and lead worship. Arranged according to the Christian year, this resource enables worship leaders to locate prayers, services, and information quickly. Updated information and new formats insure ease of use, making this a great resource when planning and leading worship. Updates for all formats include: Membership vows, baptismal covenant, diaconal changes, and other updates made as a result of General Conference action. Calendar for dating Easter and related holy days—extend beyond 2020. Chart of lectionary years on

page 227--update and extend. Current version of ordinal. Available with all digital formats PDF contents pages--hot linked to each section/item.

COMMON WORSHIP: TIMES AND SEASONS PRESIDENT'S EDITION

Canterbury Press This revised, expanded edition of the Common Worship President's Edition contains everything to celebrate Holy Communion Order One throughout the church year. It combines relevant material from the original President's Edition with Eucharistic material from Times and Seasons, Festivals and Pastoral Services, and the Additional Collects.

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY PRAYERS

Augsburg Fortress Publishing A three-year pattern of lectionary readings has come into widespread use over the past generation within many churches. Since its release in 1992 the three-year Revised Common Lectionary has had a significant influence ecumenically on worship and its preparation. Now the ecumenical consultation responsible for the Revised Common Lectionary is releasing a set of proposed prayers specifically designed for use with the calendar of readings in the RCL. The Consultation on Common Texts sought to prepare a truly ecumenical set of prayers that represent the full spectrum of Christian tradition in all its diverse richness.

SCRIPTURE NOTES

(COMMON CONSENSUS LECTIONARY)

THE EMERGENT PSALTER

Church Publishing, Inc. Grounded in the liturgical tradition and scholarship, the author explores what he calls the "new traditionalism" that notes the recent resurgence of interest in ancient forms of liturgy and spiritual practice. Everett communicates the seriousness with which he approaches his subject by offering a brief history of psalms and an exegesis of selected psalm texts. As a composer, he speaks clearly about the process of capturing the essence of each psalm in the brief, but beautiful antiphons that accompany them. The psalter itself consists of musically notated antiphon melodies with chord symbols followed by the printed psalm text which is read aloud... Many alternative and emerging church communities have begun exploring ancient music and liturgical traditions despite a lack of high-quality, published liturgical music, which does not require (or even desire) an organ and a four- part choir. The Emergent Psalter serves to provide that resource. Featuring music written for two emerging communities (Transmission in New York and Church of the Apostles in Seattle), this book is an excellent resource for anyone producing alternative worship service or thinking of starting one.

ON MODESTY

OrthodoxEbooks Modesty, the flower of manners, the honor of our bodies, the grace of the sexes, the integrity of the blood, the guarantee of our race, the basis of sanctity, the pre-indication of every good disposition; rare though it is, and not easily perfected, and scarce ever retained in perpetuity, will yet up to a certain point linger in the world, if nature shall have laid the preliminary groundwork of it, discipline persuaded to it, censorial rigor curbed its excesses--on the hypothesis, that is, that every mental good quality is the result either of birth, or else of training, or else of external compulsion. But as the conquering power of things evil is on the increase--which is the characteristic of the last times--things good are now not allowed either to be born, so corrupted are the seminal principles; or to be trained, so deserted are studies; nor to be enforced, so disarmed are the laws. In fact, (the modesty) of which we are now beginning (to treat) is by this time grown so obsolete, that it is not the abjuration but the moderation of the appetites which modesty is believed to be; and he is held to be chaste enough who has not been too chaste. But let the world's modesty see to itself, together with the world itself: together with its inherent nature, if it was wont to originate in birth; its study, if in training; its servitude, if in compulsion: except that it had been even more unhappy if it had remained only to prove fruitless, in that it had not been in God's household that its activities had been exercised.

LECTIONARY FOR MASSES WITH CHILDREN

Pueblo Books

THE UNITED METHODIST BOOK OF WORSHIP

REGULAR EDITION BLACK

Kingswood Books This helpful United Methodist denominational book of liturgy, prayer, services and service music is indispensable for pastors, musicians, and laypersons that plan and lead worship. Arranged according to the Christian year, this resource enables worship leaders to locate prayers, services, and information quickly. Updated information and new formats insure ease of use, making this a great resource when planning worship.. It features: A vast collection of worship material: services, liturgies, litanies, prayers, blessings, music, and other acts of worship and praise. Thousands of references to The United Methodist Hymnal, including suggested hymns for a host of worship occasions. Resources for special Sundays and other days of churchwide emphasis. New Christian Years Services Services for various occasions including: Presentation of Bibles to Children An Order of Farewell to Pastor Orders of Installation or Recognition Orders of Daily Praise and Prayer Updates include: Membership vows, baptismal covenant, diaconal changes, and other updates made as a result of General Conference action. Calendar for dating Easter and related holy days—extend beyond 2020. Chart of lectionary years on page 227--update and extend. Current version of ordinal. eBook Edition allows you download a digital file of full text of The Book of Worship to your eReader for personal use.

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK

This elegant resource offers more than 600 hymns that span the centuries and the continents. It includes hundreds of familiar hymns and nearly 200 fresh expressions of the Gospel. Lutheran Service Book presents a significant body of resources that faithfully proclaim our forgiveness and life in Christ.

THE CHURCH CRACKED OPEN

DISRUPTION, DECLINE, AND NEW HOPE FOR BELOVED COMMUNITY

Church Publishing "This book will make a profound difference for the church in this moment in history." — The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry Sometimes it takes disruption and loss to break us open and call us home to God. It's not surprising that a global pandemic and once-in-a-generation reckoning with white supremacy—on top of decades of systemic decline—have spurred Christians everywhere to ask who we are, why God placed us here and what difference that makes to the world. In this critical yet loving book, the author explores the American story and the Episcopal story in order to find out how communities steeped in racism, establishment, and privilege can at last fall in love with Jesus, walk humbly with the most vulnerable and embody beloved community in our own broken but beautiful way. The Church Cracked Open invites us to surrender privilege and redefine church, not just for the sake of others, but for our own salvation and liberation.

GOD'S UNFAILING WORD

CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONS

Church House Pub This important and timely study offers a theological exploration of the relationship between Christians and Jews. It is mindful of the prejudice and persecution experienced by the Jewish community throughout history, not least from the Christian church, and is intended as antidote to antisemitism.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Rowman & Littlefield Emotional Intelligence for Religious Leaders draws on the latest research in business, psychology, and theology to offer religious leaders the information and tools they need to increase their emotional intelligence and enhance their relationships, communication and conflict management skills, spirituality, and overall well-being.

LESSER FEASTS AND FASTS 2018

Church Publishing Lesser Feasts and Fasts has not been updated since 2006. This new edition, adopted at the 79th General Convention (resolution A065), fills that need. Biographies and collects associated with those included within the volume have been updated; a deliberate effort has been made to more closely balance the men and women represented within its pages.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BOOK OF DISCIPLINE 2016

OFFER THEM CHRIST!

Lorenz Publishing Company Mary McDonald and Rose Aspinall combine their God-given talents to deliver a mighty anthem well-suited for missions and outreach emphases. Use either the solid piano accompaniment or dramatic Michael Lawrence orchestration to present the grand statement that we are to be a tangible expression of Gods love and grace to the world.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing This work by Nancy deClaire-Walford, Rolf Jacobson, and Beth Tanner is the most complete and detailed one-volume commentary available on the Psalms. Significantly, the volume reflects the combined insights of three superior (younger) biblical scholars. DeClaire-Walford, Jacobson, and Tanner offer a succinct introduction to the Psalter, a new translation of all the psalms that takes special account of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and individual entries on each psalm unit. Throughout the book they draw on state-of-the-art research on the canonical shape and shaping of the Psalter and evidence a nuanced attention to the poetic nature of the psalms.

THERE'S A WOMAN IN THE PULPIT

CHRISTIAN CLERGYWOMEN SHARE THEIR HARD DAYS, HOLY MOMENTS AND THE HEALING POWER OF HUMOR

SkyLight Paths Publishing Learn and laugh with these women of the church, bound together by a deep commitment to ministry. Over fifty clergywomen representing fourteen denominations explore their holy—and unflinchingly human—moments as they juggle the sometimes isolating expectations from their congregations and the shared realities, graces and humor of everyday life.

EFFECTIVENESS BY THE NUMBERS

COUNTING WHAT COUNTS IN THE CHURCH

Abingdon Press Accurately counting the right things can profoundly impact ministry effectiveness. Knowing “the story in the stats” can inform decisions and lead to the things that produce the results most pleasing to God. Gathering and studying the right numbers can help a church wisely invest its resources of time, effort, people, money, and facilities. Effectiveness by the Numbers will help ensure that your church is measuring the right things for the right reasons. Counting what counts enables a church to fulfill its mission--making mature followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus and his disciples counted. They knew how many he fed with the five loaves and fishes. When a crowd gathered they often knew and recorded the number of men, women and children present for the event. The early church counted. They knew that on the day of Pentecost about 3,000 were added to their number. The book of Acts reports that “many believed,” “people were added,” and “many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized.” If Jesus counted and the early church kept track of numbers, it is not unreasonable to expect churches today to use metrics to increase their effectiveness in doing God’s work on earth. Chapter One: The Fear of Numbers Chapter Two: If You Could Count Only One Thing Chapter Three: How Many and How Often Chapter Four: How Many Stick? Chapter Five: How Many Serve? Chapter Six: Who's New? Chapter Seven: Growing by Staying Small Chapter Eight: What's More Important than Dollars? Chapter Nine: What Product Are You Producing Anyway? About the author: William R. Hoyt During his 38 years of ministry, Dr. Bill Hoyt has served as Pastor, Seminary Professor, Executive Minister of the Southwest Baptist Conference and a consultant to churches, denominations and other not-for-profit corporations. By virtue of his varied background, Dr. Hoyt has been privileged to observe countless churches from many different vantage points. Dr. Hoyt is the President of NexStep Coaching and Consulting, an organization committed to enhancing the effectiveness of Christian leaders and organizations through executive coaching and consulting for organizational development. Dr. Hoyt is also President of UniReach International, a non-profit organization that engages in humanitarian work in Vietnam. Dr. Hoyt and his wife Gwyn have been married for 40 years. They have two sons and daughters-in-law, a granddaughter and three grandsons.

BEYOND WORDS

DAILY READINGS IN THE ABC'S OF FAITH

Zondervan Beyond Words n (1.) Terms or names that point to the realm of mystery and depth that lies beyond our ordinary experience. (2.) The reality that is beyond even the power of beyond words to convey, and that can be known only by experiencing it for yourself. "A word a day to keep the demons at bay." This is how Frederick Buechner likes to describe this witty and incisive dictionary. A daily devotional from one of today's greatest spiritual writers, Beyond Words offers 366 entries from Buechner's three alphabet books, Wishful Thinking, Peculiar Treasures, and Whistling in the Dark, including a new Introduction and nineteen new entries. Providing definitions of both sacred and ordinary words, as well as biblical characters, Buechner unabashedly brings his fresh perspective to words, concepts, and characters we thought we understood. This is a great introduction to Buechner's work as well as a library staple for those already well versed in his writing. It is Buechner at his best. Whether readers find themselves tearful from a deeply moving insight or laughing out loud at an unexpected turn of phrase, they will always feel uplifted, illuminated, and enchanted by the wisdom of Frederick Buechner.

NEW PATTERNS FOR WORSHIP (PAPERBACK)

Church House Publishing This versatile collection provides a wealth of supplementary material to help you customize Common Worship services for any locality, age group, special occasion or festival. It offers: • Advice and guidance on planning, preparing and structuring services. • Over 250 pages of prayers and liturgy, conveniently organised by function, e.g. Gathering and Greeting, Praise and Thanksgiving, Action and Movement. • 22 easy-to-adapt sample services for eucharistic, non-eucharistic, all-age worship and seasonal services.

HAS GLOBALIZATION GONE TOO FAR?

Peterson Institute

CHRISTIAN WEDDINGS

RESOURCES TO MAKE YOUR CEREMONY UNIQUE

The essential resource for planning your wedding ceremony just got better!

A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Church Publishing, Inc. Church Publishing Incorporated is pleased to offer this new and expanded volume of optional commemorations of significant figures in the history of the Episcopal Church. It replaces the popular Holy Women, Holy Men. By action of the 2015 General Convention, Great Cloud of Witnesses is being made available for devotional or catechetical use and for use in public worship throughout the Church. GCW reflects the lively experience of holiness, especially on the level of the local community. GCW is accordingly a useful tool for learning about the history of the church and identifying those who have inspired and challenged us from the time of the New Testament to the present. Each entry includes a biographical narrative of the person or people, highlighting the significance of their lives and witness. A devotional collect is provided in both Rite I and Rite II language and a set of indexing “tags” suggests how the entry fits into the broader scope of Christian history and delineates the Christian gifts and virtues that may have inspired the person’s ministries. The GCW binder edition is printed on a special synthetic paper coated with a unique clay coating which combines the advantages of paper with the durability of plastic. We chose this synthetic paper because it looks and feels like paper but stands up to water, weather, grease, chemicals and resists tearing in both directions. If changes are made to the calendar of commemorations in future years, CPI will publish a special extension pack, so that individual pages may be replaced. We believe this format will be flexible for many years.

LIFELONG FAITH

FORMATION FOR ALL AGES AND GENERATIONS

Church Publishing Lifelong Faith provides a blueprint for Christian formation that forms disciples of all ages and transforms church communities. Vibrant lifelong faith formation can renew and revitalize faith across generations and contribute towards a thriving congregation that lives its mission. Using the seven elements outlined in this book, churches will create a dynamic and vital plan that can be customized to meet the needs, interests, and challenges we face today and nurture the spiritual growth of all ages. With current research, clear examples, and tools for design and evaluation, Lifelong Faith is a practical, thoughtful, and comprehensive guide for clergy, educators, and lay leaders who seek a fresh, holistic approach to Christian education and discipleship.

SINGING THE NEW TESTAMENT

Faith Alive Christian Resources This songbook offers 260 songs that quote or paraphrase texts from Matthew through Revelation. Includes a variety of musical styles and time periods, familiar and accessible tunes, helpful notes, and an index organized by Scripture passage. Key features include a variety of musical styles and time periods, familiar and accessible tunes, helpful notes with usage and musical suggestions, full accompaniments and guitar chords for all the music, additional arrangements for some tunes, percussion suggestions, and indexes by Scripture passage, title, meter, and tune. Most of the texts from the Revised Common Lectionary are covered.

SONGS OF GRACE

NEW HYMNS FOR GOD AND NEIGHBOR

Upper Room Sing a new song! The book, Songs of Grace, includes over 70 new hymns written to be sung to the tunes of many well loved and well known hymns. The new words offer expression of hope, celebration and spiritual enrichment. Accompanying each new hymn is a devotion or meditation to be used in reflection of the melodic prayers. The hymns are written to celebrate the ministry of a wide range of church activities, from older adult ministries and stewardship to social justice and many other topics in between.

IMPERIAL DOMINION AND PRIESTLY GENIUS: COERCION

During the fifth century BCE, the Persian Empire ruled Jerusalem and the province of Yehud. In these years, the Jerusalem priesthood constructed a rhetoric about divorce in Ezra 9-10 and Nehemiah 10 and 13. Herbert Robinson Marbury shows that these priests deliberately presented vastly different messages to the Persian imperial authorities and the community of the Second Temple. At political, cultic, and economic levels, the rhetoric’s meanings both affirmed the empire and participated in countercultural resistance. Marbury explains how the divorce rhetoric of Ezra-Nehemiah forms counter-narratives of resistance for literate elites as they maintain the religious and cultural integrity of the Second Temple community.

FEASTING ON THE WORD

PREACHING THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY

THE METHODIST WORSHIP BOOK

THE PEOPLE’S NEW TESTAMENT

THE COMMON AND REVISED VERSIONS, WITH REFERENCES AND COLORED MAPS ; WITH EXPLANATORY NOTES

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP
